

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: Foster House (a.k.a. Coffin Maker's House) Inventory Number: CE-549  
Address: 300 S. Main Street City: North East Zip Code: 21901  
County: Cecil USGS Topographic Map: North East, MD  
Owner: Sara E. Hannum Is the property being evaluated a district? yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 549 Tax Map Number: 401 Tax Account ID Number: 05002516  
Project: MD 272 from US 40 to Irishtown Road -- North East S Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: CE-1525  
NR-listed district yes Eligible district X yes no Name of District: North East Historic District  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form for Coffin Maker's House; At the Head of the Bay (Blumgart 1996:386)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Foster House is a contributing resource of the North East Historic District (CE-1525). Constructed circa 1845 by cabinetmaker Francis A. Foster, the residence is a vernacular adaptation of the earlier Federal style commonly built in the more populated and prosperous regions of the east coast. The dwelling has a long narrow form that mirrors that of the lot on which it stands. Little alteration has occurred to the exterior of the residence (with the exception of some modern work on the rear frame addition) leaving the dwelling as one of the least altered structures in the borough. The lot is beautifully landscaped with ornamentals and flower gardens giving it the appearance of a colonial landscape.

The Foster House is recommended eligible under National Register Criterion C. The residence is an impressive mid-nineteenth-century dwelling in a vernacular adaptation of the more formal Federal style. The attempt to replicate the high style found in more populated and prosperous areas is indicative of a wealthy property owner intent on exhibiting status. The intact cabinetmaker's shop at the rear of the main block is representative of nineteenth-century home-based businesses in a small community. The tall formal building and beautiful landscaping perfectly compliment the long narrow lot giving the property a colonial urban feeling. It is one of the most interesting and attractive residences in the borough.

Prepared by: Wendy Zug-Gilbert

Date Prepared: 09/27/2002

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

**CECIL COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

**SURVEY No.:** CE-549

**NAME:** Foster House

**LOCATION:** 300 South Main Street, North East, MD

**DATE:** 1845

**ACCESS:** Private

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Foster House is located within the NR-eligible North East Historic District (CE-1525) of which it is a contributing member. The house sits on the southeast corner of Main Street (MD Route 272) and Roney Avenue in the mid-eighteenth-century Chesapeake Bay town of North East. Constructed circa 1845, the residence is a vernacular adaptation of the earlier Federal style commonly built in the more populated and prosperous regions of the east coast. The dwelling has a long narrow form that mirrors that of the lot on which it stands. Little alteration has occurred to the exterior of the residence (with the exception of some modern work on the rear frame addition) leaving the dwelling as one of the least altered structures in the borough. The lot is beautifully landscaped with ornamentals and flower gardens giving it the appearance of a colonial landscape. A small frame shed, that may be as old as the dwelling, sits at the rear of the property. The appearance of this interesting dwelling and its lush landscaping make this property one of the most attractive in North East.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Foster House should be considered to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The residence is an impressive mid-nineteenth-century dwelling in a vernacular adaptation of the more formal Federal style. The attempt to replicate the high style found in more populated and prosperous areas is indicative of a wealthy property owner intent on exhibiting status. The intact cabinetmaker's shop at the rear of the main block is representative of nineteenth-century home-based businesses in a small community. The tall formal building and beautiful landscaping perfectly compliment the long narrow lot giving the property a colonial urban feeling. Other residences of the same construction period exist in North East, but the Foster House's Federal character with few modern alterations make it stand out within the borough as one of the most interesting and attractive residences.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. **CE-549**

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

Foster House

other

Coffin Maker's House

### 2. Location

street and number 300 South Main Street

n/a not for publication

city, town North East

X vicinity

county Cecil

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Sara E. Hannum

street and number 300 South Main Street

telephone

n/a

city, town

North East

state

MD

zip code

21901

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 401-549

city, town

Elkton

liber

WAS 366

folio 229

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			2

## 7. Description

Inventory No. CE-549

### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The Foster House is a two-and-a-half-story brick residence that consists of a main block, rear wing, and later rear addition., giving the dwelling an "L"-plan form. The main block is laid in American bond brickwork with a symmetrical façade very typical of formal Federal-style architecture. The Foster House, a later adaptation of the style, has a three-bay façade with a pent roof (probably a later addition), two gabled dormers in the side-gable roof, and a three-light transom over the entry. Windows throughout the house (including the dormers) are original six-over-six sash with original paneled shutters only on the first-story façade. A bulkhead cellar entry is located just to the north of the front entry on the façade. A single interior brick ridge chimney is located on the northern end of the roof. The rear wing is also brick and two stories tall with a long shed roof constructed perpendicularly to the main block. A side entry opens to a small, vegetated courtyard with brick walkways. The entry has a simple shed porch roof supported by turned posts. Sources state that this rear addition was constructed circa 1870 to house a cabinetmaker's workshop; however, a search of deed records shows that the workshop (referred to as a frame shop) existed prior to 1864 (Blumgart 1996:386). A later frame addition, with a long shed roof similar to the rear wing, is located off the back of that wing.

At the rear of the property is a small frame shed on a stone foundation with six-over-one sash.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. CE-549

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	1845		

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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By the time the Foster House was constructed circa 1845, North East had already been an important shipping and industrial town for over a century (Johnston 1989). The town's location along the river and substantial natural resources provided additional successful industries besides iron ore production, which had spurred the development of the area. Other industries included milling, lumbering, fishing, agriculture, and firebrick and basket production. The town's location at a heavily traveled crossroads enabled the establishment of substantial nineteenth-century commercial and transportation-related businesses.

Francis A. Foster was a cabinetmaker by trade. When he bought the narrow lot at the corner of Main Street and Roney Avenue from Hugh Brown in 1845 he was 28 years of age (Cecil County Land Record Book GMC 8:318; 1850 Federal Census). Foster must have established himself at an early age to be able to have such a residence constructed. On the back of his dwelling a small shop was built from which he conducted his business. Cecil County Land Records refer to this small workshop as a frame shop. Like many cabinetmaker's of the period, Foster's skills were also called upon to build coffins for the community, a job that eventually transitioned into the business of undertaking. By 1877, Foster listed himself as an undertaker and furniture dealer on the county atlas (Lake, Griffing & Stevenson 1877). Foster and his wife Caroline lived in the house throughout the end of the nineteenth century despite a six-year transfer of ownership to iron furnace proprietor Jethro J. McCullough between 1864 and 1870 (WHR 7:154 and DS 4:195). In 1905, Philena R. Foster (presumably a daughter) purchased the property at public sale (MD 2:342). The property transferred out the ownership of the Foster family in 1911, when William J. Cameron bought the house at public sale (CK 4:223).

The Foster House appears in Cecil County's architectural history, *At the Head of the Bay* (Blumgart 1996:386). The property also has an outdated Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form (1976) on file at the MHT. On the form, the property was listed as the Coffin Maker's House, but no determination of eligibility was made (Lutz 1976).

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#### 8. Significance (continued)

##### Chain-of-Title for the Foster House

<i>Liber:Folio</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Grantor/Grantee</i>
WAS 366:229	8-20-1976	Sara E. Hannum from Denise B. Brinsfield (formerly Hidalgo). Lot of 18 square perches for \$5.
WAS 299:305	9-1-1972	Densie B. Hidalgo from David W. & Linda J. White. Lot of above for \$10.
WAS 216:623	10-12-1967	David W. & Linda J. White from Estate of William J. Cameron (by Henrietta J. Cameron (widow), Edwin B. Fockler, Bertha C. Fockler, George and Henrietta Balog). Lot of above for \$10.
CK 4:223	9-27-1911	William J. Cameron from Robert C. Thackery, attorney (for Philena R. Foster). Foster defaulted on mortgage and property was seized and sold at public sale. Lot of above for \$1125.
MD 2:342	3-4-1905	Philena R. Foster from Reuben Haines and Albert Constable. Court dispute: Charles P. Pridham vs. John I. Foster. Property was seized and sold at public sale. Lot of above for \$1000.
DS 4:195	10-21-1870	Caroline R. Foster from Jethro J. McCullough. Lot of above improved by "a 2½ -story brick dwelling house with back buildings and also by a frame shop" for \$1000.
WHR 7:154	4-4-1864	Jethro J. McCullough from Estate of Francis A. Foster (by William B. Bond, trustee). Lot of above with same improvements for \$1000.
GMA 8:318	5-8-1845	Francis A. Foster from Hugh Brown. Lot of above for \$160.66.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CE-549

Blumgart, Pamela James

1996 *At the Head of the Bay - A Cultural and Architectural History of Cecil County, Maryland*. The Cecil County Historical Trust, Inc., Elkton, MD and the Maryland Historical Society Press, Crownsville, MD.

Cecil County Land Records, Will Records, Estate Records, and Tax Records. Various years. Located at Cecil County Courthouse, Elkton, MD.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 18 square perches  
Acreage of historical setting n/a  
Quadrangle name North East, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the northeast corner formed by the intersection of South Main Street and Roney Avenue; then proceeding along the south side of Roney Avenue, North  $84\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  East, 9.1 perches; then proceeding South  $9^{\circ}$  East, 35 feet; then proceeding South  $84\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West, 9.1 perches; then proceeding North  $7\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West, 35 feet to the place of beginning. Containing an area of 18 square perches.

The boundary description was drawn to include the entirety of the Tax Parcel 549 on Cecil County Tax Map 401. The boundary was drawn to encompass the lot, house, and outbuilding associated with this property.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Wendy Zug-Gilbert / Principal Investigator		
organization	Archeaological & Historical Consultants, Inc.	date	November 2000
street & number	101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., PO Box 482	telephone	(814) 364-2135
city or town	Centre Hall	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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### 9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Cecil County Tax Rolls and Federal Census Records. Various years. Located at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

Johnston, George

1989 *History of Cecil County, Maryland*. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore. Originally published in 1881.

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson

1877 *An Illustrated Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland*. Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Lutz, George W., III

1976 Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for the Coffin Maker's House, North East.

Martenet, Simon

1858 *Martenet's Map of Cecil County, Maryland*. Simon Martenet, Baltimore.

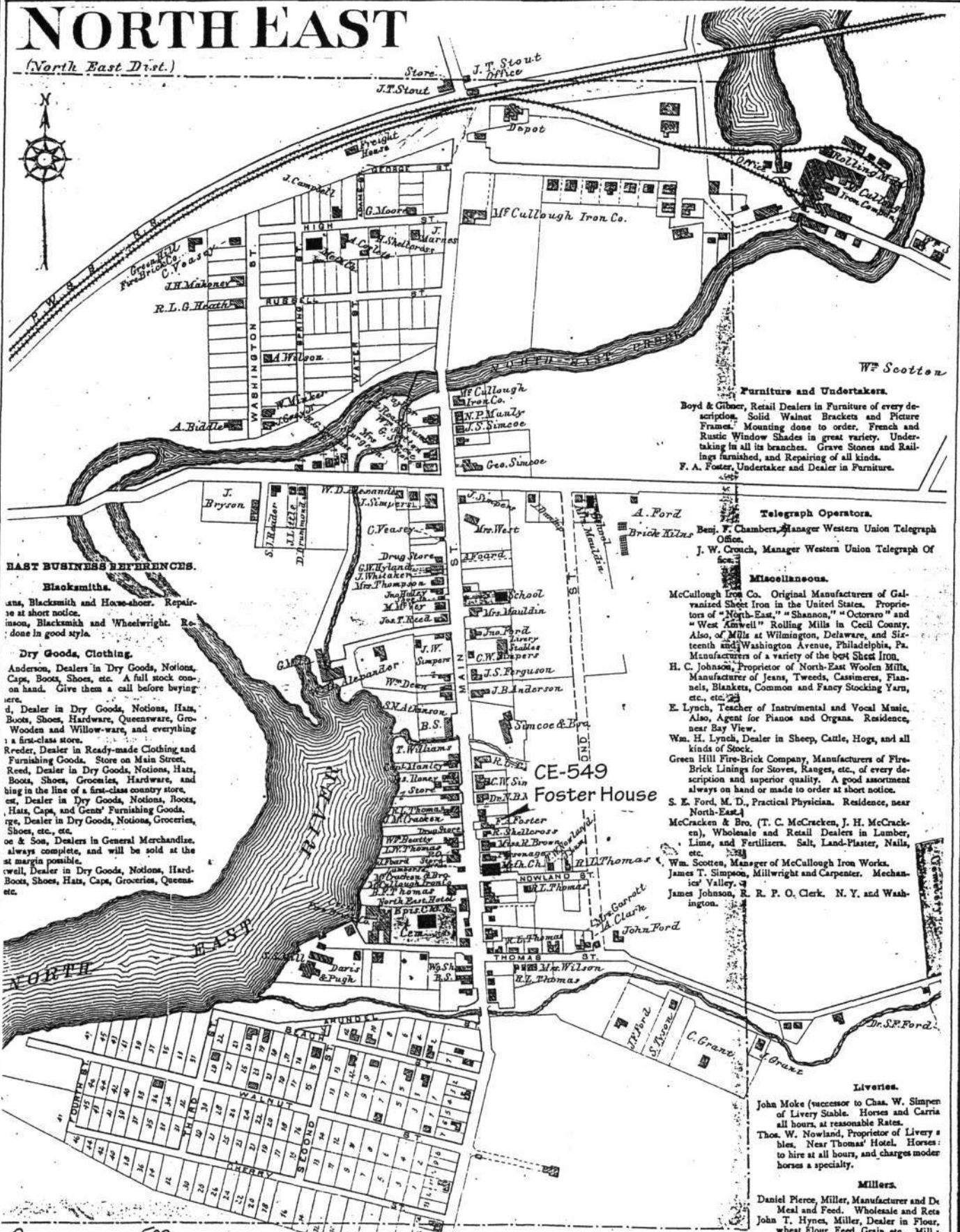
Sanborn Map Company

1933 North East, Maryland.



# NORTH EAST

(North East Dist.)



## EAST BUSINESS REFERENCES.

### Blacksmiths.

Ans, Blacksmith and Horse-shoe. Repair-  
to at short notice.  
inson, Blacksmith and Wheelwright. Re-  
done in good style.

### Dry Goods, Clothing.

Anderson, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions,  
Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc. A full stock con-  
on hand. Give them a call before buying  
here.  
d, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats,  
Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Gro-  
Wooden and Willow-ware, and everything  
a first-class store.  
Reeder, Dealer in Ready-made Clothing and  
Furnishing Goods. Store on Main Street.  
Reed, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats,  
Boots, Shoes, Groceries, Hardware, and  
bing in the line of a first-class country store.  
est, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots,  
Hats, Caps, and Genl. Furnishing Goods.  
rge, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries,  
Shoes, etc., etc.  
oe & Son, Dealers in General Merchandise.  
always complete, and will be sold at the  
at margin possible.  
well, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hard-  
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Groceries, Queens-  
etc.

### Furniture and Undertakers.

Boyd & Gibson, Retail Dealers in Furniture of every de-  
scription. Solid Walnut Brackets and Picture  
Frames. Mounting done to order. French and  
Rustic Window Shades in great variety. Under-  
taking in all its branches. Grave Stones and Rail-  
ings furnished, and Repairing of all kinds.  
F. A. Foster, Undertaker and Dealer in Furniture.

### Telegraph Operators.

Benj. F. Chambers, Manager Western Union Telegraph  
Office.  
J. W. Crouch, Manager Western Union Telegraph Of-  
fice.

### Miscellaneous.

McCullough Iron Co. Original Manufacturers of Gal-  
vanized Sheet Iron in the United States. Propri-  
etors of "North-East," "Shannon," "Octopus" and  
"West Kinnell" Rolling Mills in Cecil County.  
Also, of Mills at Wilmington, Delaware, and Six-  
teenth and Washington Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Manufacturers of a variety of the best Sheet Iron.  
H. C. Johnson, Proprietor of North-East Woolen Mills,  
Manufacturer of Jeans, Tweeds, Cassimeres, Flan-  
nels, Blankets, Commos and Fancy Stocking Yarn,  
etc., etc.  
E. Lynch, Teacher of Instrumental and Vocal Music.  
Also, Agent for Pianos and Organs. Residence,  
near Bay View.  
Wm. H. Lynch, Dealer in Sheep, Cattle, Hogs, and all  
kinds of Stock.  
Green Hill Fire-Brick Company, Manufacturers of Fire-  
Brick Linings for Stoves, Ranges, etc., of every de-  
scription and superior quality. A good assortment  
always on hand or made to order at short notice.  
S. E. Ford, M. D., Practical Physician. Residence, near  
North-East.  
McCracken & Bro. (T. C. McCracken, J. H. McCrack-  
en), Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Lumber,  
Lime, and Fertilizers. Salt, Land-Plaster, Nails,  
etc.  
Wm. Scotten, Manager of McCullough Iron Works.  
James T. Simpson, Millwright and Carpenter. Mechan-  
ics' Valley.  
James Johnson, R. R. P. O. Clerk. N. Y. and Wash-  
ington.

### Liveries.

John Moke (successor to Chas. W. Simpson  
of Livery Stable. Horses and Carria-  
all hours, at reasonable Rates.  
Thos. W. Nowland, Proprietor of Livery s-  
bles. Near Thomas' Hotel. Horses:  
to hire at all hours, and charges moder-  
horses a specialty.

### Millers.

Daniel Pierce, Miller, Manufacturer and De-  
Meal and Feed. Wholesale and Retail  
John T. Hynes, Miller, Dealer in Flour,  
wheat Flour, Feed, Grain, etc. Mill:  
Furnace.  
Charles A. Cooper, Miller, Dealer in Flour,  
and everything in the Milling line.  
in Lumber. "Gilpin's Falls" Mills.

FOSTER HOUSE (CE-549)  
FROM LAKE, GRIFFING & STEVENSON 1877

CE-549



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENES (C.N.)

WALLACE AV.

AV.

CE-549  
Foster House

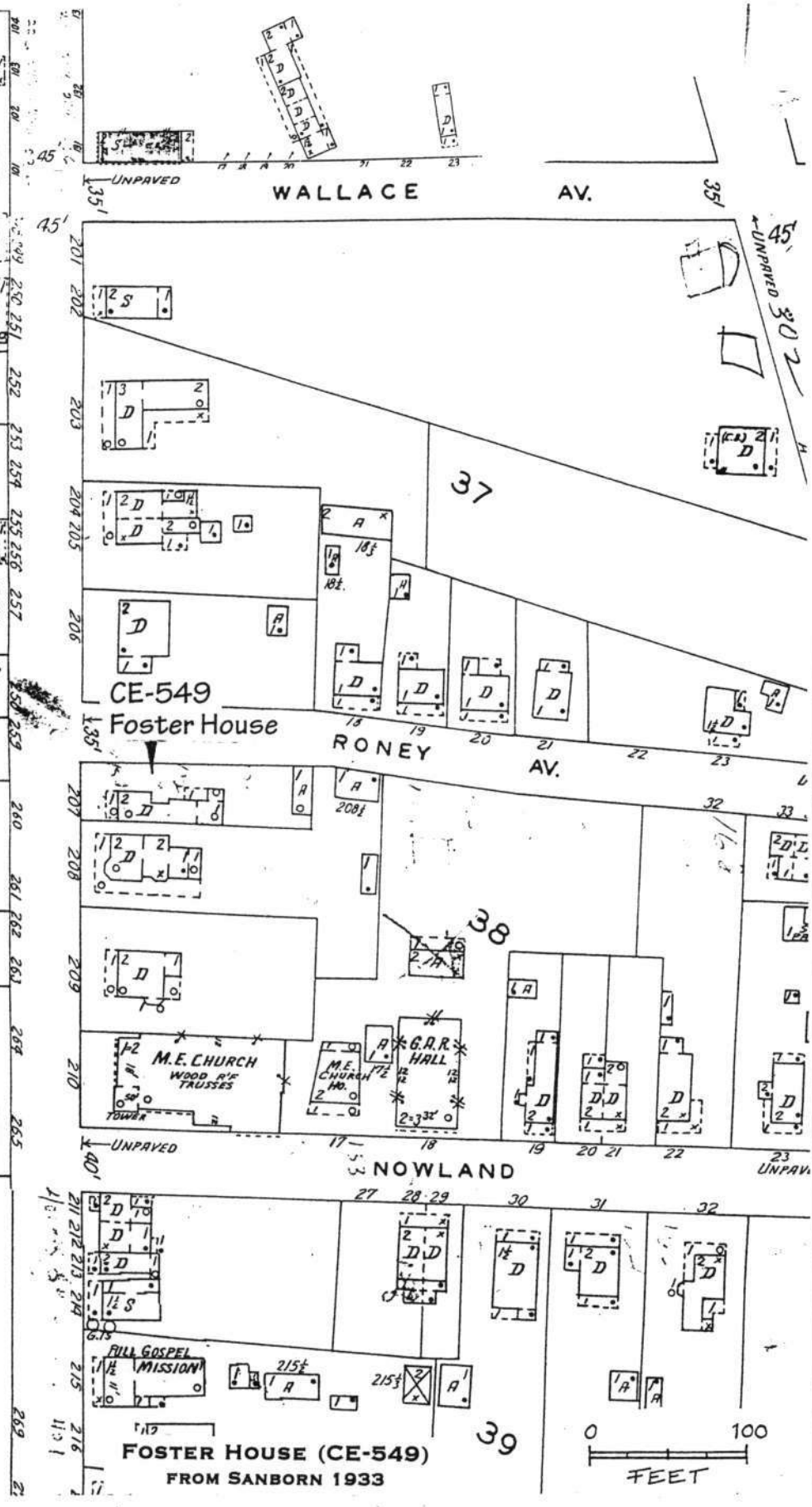
RONEY AV.

NOWLAND

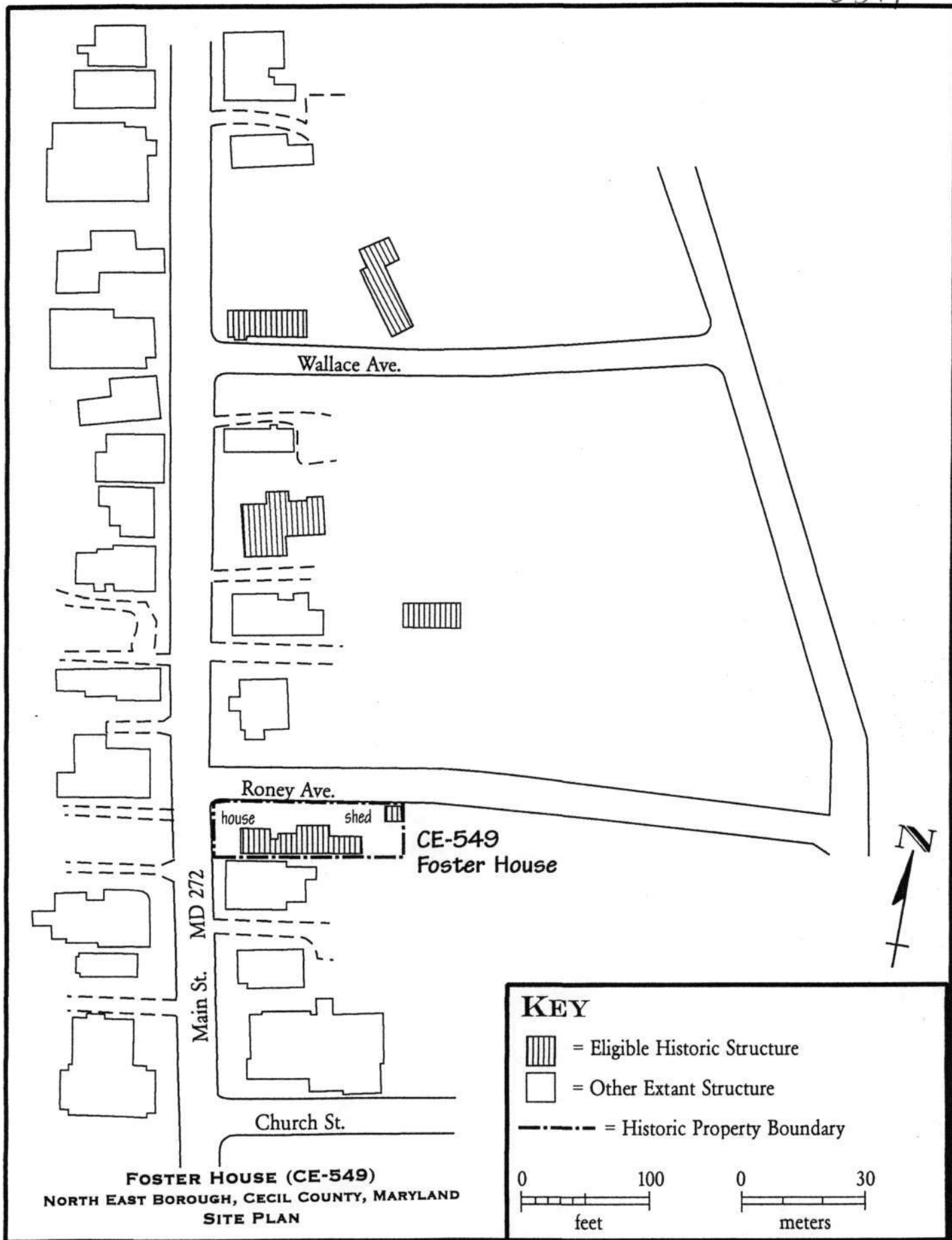
FOSTER HOUSE (CE-549)  
FROM SANBORN 1933

0 100  
FEET

ST. MARY'S  
PISCOPAL CHURCH



CE-549



**PRESERVATION VISION 2000: THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:**

- X EASTERN SHORE (ALL EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES AND CECIL)  
WESTERN SHORE (ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, ST. MARY'S)  
PIEDMONT (BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, FREDERICK, HARFORD,, HOWARD,  
MONTGOMERY)  
WESTERN MARYLAND (ALLEGANY, GARRETT, WASHINGTON)

**II. CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:**

- |   |                                    |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|
|   | RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION     | (A.D. 1680-1815)       |
| X | AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION | (A.D. 1815-1870)       |
|   | INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE         | (A.D. 1870-1930)       |
|   | MODERN PERIOD                      | (A.D. 1930-PRESENT)    |
|   | UNKNOWN PERIOD (                   | PREHISTORIC; HISTORIC) |

**III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:**

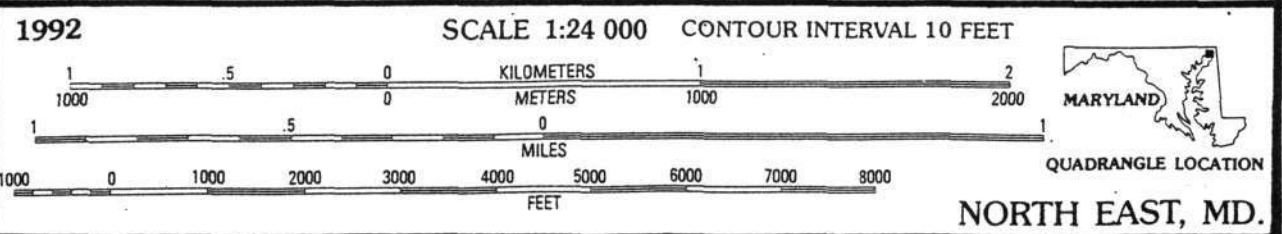
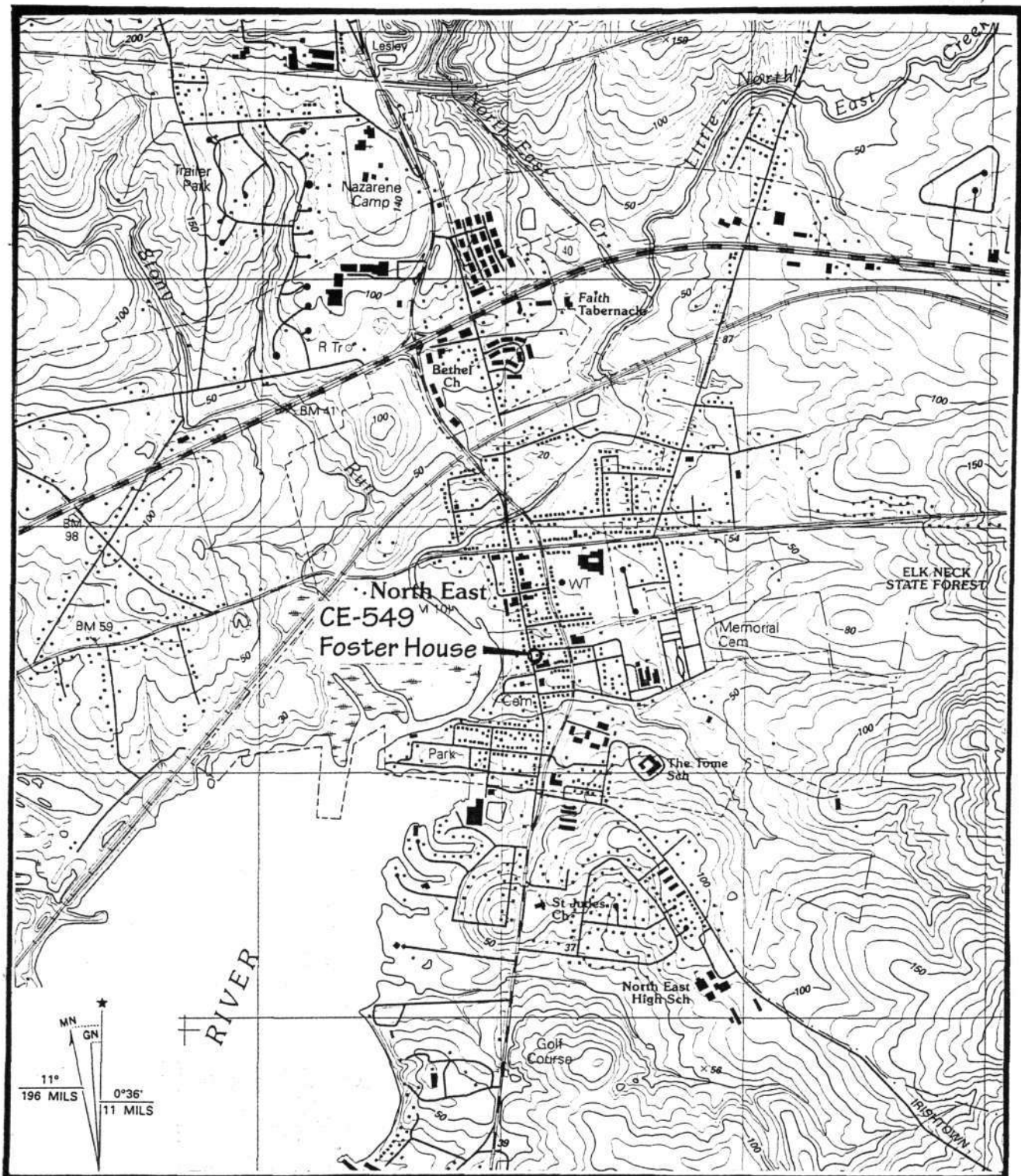
- AGRICULTURE
- X ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING  
ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)  
GOVERNMENT/LAW  
MILITARY  
RELIGION  
SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL  
TRANSPORTATION

**IV. RESOURCE TYPE:**

CATEGORY: building  
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: bayside village  
HISTORIC FUNCTION(S) AND USE(S): domestic (single-family dwelling)  
KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: none



CE-549



**FOSTER HOUSE (CE-549)**  
NORTH EAST BOROUGH, CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND





CE - 549

Foster House

Cecil County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert

November 2000

Archaeological & Historical Consultants, Inc.

Facade (west elevation)

1 of 4



CE- 549

Foster House

Cecil County, MD.

Wendy Zug-Gilbert

November 2000

Archaeological & Historical Consultants, Inc.

North elevation showing woodworking shop (rear wing)

2 of 4



CE- 549

Foster House

Cecil County, Maryland

Wendy Zug - Gilbert

November 2000

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Rear (east elevation) with modern enclosed porch addition

3 of 4





CE-549

Foster House

Cecil County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert

November 2000

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Outbuilding (west elevation)

4 of 4

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

08654-95404

CE 549  
File # 558

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Coffin Maker's House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

North East

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Denise Hidalgo

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

North East

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21901

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 299/305

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

Maryland<sup>STATE</sup>**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CE- 549

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE ca. 1840

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Coffin Maker's House is a brick structure laid in American bond. It is two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays long by two deep. On the north gable wall is a chimney which serves a fireplace on the first floor and one on the second. Between floors on the facade is a pent eave. (of more recent years), although the house is colonial in style the pent eave probably is not original. Also on the facade is a central door with a three-light transom. To the left of the door is the cellar entrance. The window sash are six-over-six throughout. The first floor windows have paneled shutters. The half story has two gabled dormers in it that face the street. The roof has a date shingle covering.

To the rear of this main section is a wing that looks as though it were constructed at different times. It is two stories in height with a slightly varying roof pitch. The largest section of this wing has a chimney.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

CE-549

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was the home of the two coffin maker and part of the rear wing was his shop. It is a very attractive home and should be preserved.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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Maryland

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Foster or "Coffin Maker's" House

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